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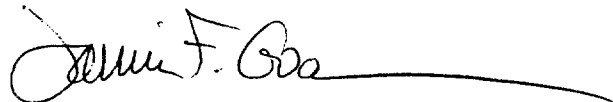
Re: Ex parte contact in CC Docket No. 96-198

Dear Secretary Salas:

This will serve as notice that undersigned counsel for the Information Technology Industry Council ("ITI"), upon request, sent by electronic mail the attached information to Ellen Blackler and Thomas Wyatt of the Common Carrier Bureau and Elizabeth Lyle of the Wireless Bureau, pursuant to a meeting with ITI regarding the above-referenced docket.

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. Section 1.1206(a)(1) two copies of this letter and attachments are being filed with the Secretary of the Commission today.

Sincerely,



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Attachment

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Ellen - Attached is the information that you requested during the Information Technology Industry Council's (ITI) meeting with you last Friday, February 5, regarding the National Committee for Information Technology Standards (NCITS), a U.S. standards body for which ITI serves as secretariat, and the NCITS study group on Accommodation of People with Disabilities. For further information, please refer to the NCITS web site, <http://www.ncits.org/study/study.htm> which includes meeting announcements, agendas and minutes, as well as lists of people who participate and links to useful reference material.

Thank you again for meeting with ITI and please let us know if we can be of further assistance.

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To: NCITS Members

Subject: Charter for the Information Technology Accommodation of People with Disabilities Standardization Study Group

### **Information Technology Accommodation of People with Disabilities Standardization Study Group**

*Scope:* The Study Group will look at the feasibility of standardization in the following areas related to the use of IT to support people with disabilities:

1. The development of protocols and related specifications to support the implementation of intelligent, self adjusting, interfaces between accommodation devices (accessors) and the human-computer interfaces (i.e, the keyboard, mouse, and display ports).
- Guidelines for providing internal access.
  - Guidelines for providing external access.
  - Functions performed by an intelligent interface.
  - Functions performed by an accessor.
  - The physical interface between an intelligent interface and a product (e.g., IEEE 1394, USB).
  - The physical interface between an accessor and an intelligent interface (e.g., IEEE 1394, USB). Performance characteristics at the interface between an accessor and a user.
  - The specification of the minimum information needed from each workstation component to support "self programming" of such an intelligent interface.

2. Criteria and methods for the development of "best practice" guidelines in the field.

3. Criteria and methods for the determination of adequate performance in the field.

4. Determine the methods for developing NCITS positions on proposals put forth by external activities (e.g., IEEE SCC and the Access Board's Electronic and Information Technology Access Advisory Committee).

*Program of Work:*

- Organization Meeting Convened: Within 90 days of the approval of this Charter
- Report on the state-of the-art, definitions, and requirements for each element of the scope: Within 12 months of the Organization Meeting
- Final Report of the SG to include NCITS Project Proposals or JTC1 New Work Items as appropriate: Within 24 months of the Organization Meeting

This Study Group will cooperate as appropriate with the external organizations working in similar activities.